

**a directory of
the Conference on the
Religious Life
in the
Anglican Communion**



(MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE ON THE RELIGIOUS LIFE)

PREFACE

The Advisory Council of the Conference on the Religious Life in the Anglican Communion in the Americas authorized the publication of this directory at its January, 1985 meeting. The material within these pages is current as of September 1, 1985.

Each Community is responsible for its own listing. Persons interested in more information about a specific Community should write directly to that group at the address listed.

Only those communities who are members of the Conference on the Religious Life in the Anglican Communion in the Americas are listed.

Communities are listed in alphabetical order. Men's communities are designated with an asterisk; all others are religious communities for women.

There are other Christian Communities who are not members of this organization. For information about them write the **Chairman of the House of Bishops Committee for Religious Communities**, The Right Reverend William C.R. Sheridan, S.T.M., The Diocese of Northern Indiana, 117 N. Lafayette Blvd., South Bend, IN 46601.

Also listings for other communities can be found in "**The Episcopal Church Annual**", Published by the Morehouse-Barlow Company, 78 Danbury Road, Wilton, CT 06897.

In Canada, "**The Anglican Church Yearbook**", 600 Jarvis Street, Toronto M4Y 2J6, Ontario, Canada.

THE CONFERENCE ON THE RELIGIOUS LIFE IN THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION IN THE AMERICAS

The Conference is an association of twenty-one religious orders for men and women in the United States, Canada and other parts of the Americas. It was begun by farsighted Superiors in 1949 who realized there was a need to bring existing religious communities into closer relationship and dialogue and provide the church with educational material on the religious life. This it did chiefly through editing books or catalogues describing religious communities, discussing the nature of religious life and listing member organizations from time to time.

The Conference also scheduled a Triennial meeting at various places in the United States which gathered together representative religious to share three days of worship, study, fellowship and community. The Advisory Council of the Conference on the Religious Life, a representative body of seven elected member orders, serves as a clearing house for Bishops and other church leaders, providing information on existing communities, as well as new ones in formation. Another function of the Conference is to assist new communities in their development when asked to do so.

When the need for renewal dramatically struck the church in the mid 1960's, the Conference responded with conferences for novice directors, Superiors and membership at large to help deal with the changes taking place in the church and religious life. This was done on regional, national and international levels. Probably the most beneficial outcome of these meetings was the opportunity provided for religious within our various orders to get to know one another better, share common problems, and in the spirit of filial charity grow together in Christ, sharing common resources and strengths.

Since 1912 a canon had existed in the Episcopal Church for religious communities, but because of its structuring at the time it was written, few orders had chosen to be recognized under it. The Conference on the Religious Life saw a need to make changes in that canon and began the process of dialogue in the early 1970's. In 1976 the revised canon for Religious Communities was accepted at the Minneapolis General Convention. It had largely been written by members of the Conference on the Religious Life. In the year which followed, ten communities sought and obtained recognition under the canon. Again, in 1982 a proposed revision to the canon was made, supported by the Conference membership which recognized the growth and development of religious communities other than those which were specifically monastic in character, i.e., where the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience and life in community were the central identifying characteristics. A second part to the canon was created by other Christian communities with the help of a Conference on the Religious Life task force working in cooperation with the House of Bishops Committee for Religious Communities and the leadership of several other Christian Communities.

In the late 1970's the Conference on the Religious Life became active in ecumenical dialogue with Roman Catholic, Protestant and Orthodox Religious which led to the founding of the Permanent International Ecumenical Consultation for Religious Communities. The group, which presently consists of six Anglican, six Roman Catholic, three Protestant and one Orthodox members, plus secretaries and observers, meets annually in either Rome or Canterbury. The aim of the Consultation is to explore ways in which the religious life can contribute to the ecumenism of the church. Every three years the Consultation issues a paper on the substance of the three year talks.

Today members of the Conference on the Religious Life in the Anglican Communion in the Americas sees as its purposes to coordinate the interest and experience of its members, provide opportunities for mutual support and sharing and to present to the church a coherent understanding of the religious life. It also seeks to help new groups in formation when asked to do so, whether they be monastic orders or Christian communities.

Father Andrew Rank, SSP
Chairman, the Conference on the Religious Life

ANGLICAN COMMUNITIES

(* indicates Men's Communities)

All Saints Sisters of the Poor

(301) 747-4104

All Saints Convent

P.O. Box 3127

Catonsville, MD 21228

Visitor: The Rt. Rev. William J. Cox

Mother House: Ministering to groups from parishes in regularly scheduled Quiet Days, Pilgrimages, which include tour of Convent, Slides, occasionally a Meditation.

Guest Wing for women coming for private retreats or unstructured times. Scriptorium featuring cards designed by the Sisters. St. Gabriel's Retreat House on the Convent grounds. Retreats and Conferences for both men and women. Chaplain's House - private retreats for men. St. Anna's Home for retired women in Philadelphia.

The Sisters give Quiet Days, retreats and seminars by request, work in parishes on Sundays - Daily Vacation Bible Schools. Work with hospice for terminally ill.

For further information write: The Reverend Mother Superior

Publications: Brochures are published as needed: *History of the Community* (\$1.00), Catalog for Scriptorium Cards (\$1.00), Quiet Day and Retreat Schedules for Convent and St. Gabriel's published yearly.

BRANCH HOUSES:

St. Gabriel's Retreat House

P.O. Box 3016

Catonsville, MD 21228

(301) 747-6767

St. Anna's Home

2016 Race Street

Philadelphia, PA 19103

(215) 567-2943

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The Order of St. Anne

Convent of St. Anne

1125 North La Salle Drive

Chicago, IL 60610

(All Autonomous)

(312) 642-3638

Visitor: The Rt. Rev. James W. Montgomery

Warden: The Rev. Leo Patterson, O.S.B.

Chaplain: The Rev. Edwin A. Norris

The Order of St. Anne was founded in 1910 by the Reverend Cecil Powell of the Society of St. John the Evangelist. The Sisters live a modified

Benedictine Rule, dedicated to a life of prayer and the care of children and good works beneficial to all peoples. The Chicago convent is an autonomous House called to parish work in our own Parish, The Church of the Ascension, and other parishes in the Diocese of Chicago. The Sisters teach Church School and Religious Education in different parishes in the Diocese and also teach various subjects in Parochial School. They also conduct Retreats and Quiet Days, give lectures and talks on the Religious Life, assist the deaf and handicapped in sign language communication, participate in seminars pertinent to the Religious Life and conduct Vacation Bible School during the summer months.

The Sisters conduct a guest house, called Bethlehem, on the grounds of the Convent. Out-of-town families, whose loved ones are hospitalized, are welcome to stay overnight while visiting the hospital. Bethlehem is also used as a Retreat and "Quiet Day" Center for Associates and Friends. Future plans are currently being considered for a suburban Retreat Center and Parochial Primary School to be directed and staffed by the Sisters.

For further information write: The Mother Superior
(see Chicago address)

Publications: Brochure (No Cost) *A Way of Life - Come and See* (A history of the Order, the work of each Convent House, a day in the life of the Sisters and an explanation on "Entering the Way").

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St. Anne's Convent
18 Claremont Avenue
Arlington, MA 02174

(617) 646-9773

Visitor: The Rt. Rev. John B. Coburn
Warden: The Rev. Emmett Jarrett

The Order of St. Anne inculcates the spirit and practice of the Religious Life. Founded in the 20th century, it moves forward and is adaptable to the needs of the present. Each convent is autonomous, electing its own Superior, Warden and Visitor. The convents are linked by a common Rule, tradition and spirit. Works of the Sisters of St. Anne are closely associated with the needs of children. In June 15, 1983 the name of the school was changed to The Germaine Larence School, which the Sisters of St. Anne no longer operate. We teach in the school, which was formerly St. Anne's School.

For further information write: The Superior, St. Anne's Convent
(see above address)

The Order of St. Anne/Bethany Convent
Route 2
Lincoln, MA 01773

(617) 259-9800

Visitor: The Rt. Rev. John B. Coburn

The Sisters at Bethany carry out a ministry to developmentally disabled women. They operate a residential facility, licensed by the State of Massachusetts, which provides a home and a vocational program, and teaches daily living and social skills to 38 residential and day clients.

For further information write: The Reverend Mother, Bethany Convent
(see Lincoln address)

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The Order of St. Anne
2701 South York Street
Denver, CO 80210

(303) 756-3635

Visitor: The Rt. Rev. William Frey

All Order of St. Anne Houses are autonomous.

For further information write: The Superior
(see Denver address)

Publication: Brochure

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The Order of St. Anne/Convent of St. Anne
15 Craigie Street
Cambridge, MA 02138

(617) 864-3432

Visitor: The Rt. Rev. A.P. Stokes

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For further information write: The Superior
(see Cambridge address)

***The Order of St. Benedict
St. Gregory's Abbey
56500 Abbey Road
Three Rivers, MI 49093-9595**

(616) 244-5893

Visitor: The office of Visitor is vacant

The monks of St. Gregory's Abbey are priests and laymen of the Episcopal Church living under the Rule of St. Benedict. The principal work of the Community is prayer as expressed both in the recitation of the Divine Office and in the individual and personal spiritual striving of each monk. Each member of the Community is expected to increase his knowledge of the Faith through regular study according to his own abilities and interests. The Abbey offers accommodations for guests, singly and in small groups; the monks undertake few outside engagements. A part of each day is spent at household chores, looking after necessary administrative matters, and answering correspondence. The aim of the Community is to experience and express the saving power of Christ within a body of believers, and to use that power in interceding for the Church and for the world.

For further information write: The Father Abbot

Publication: *Abbey Letter* (Quarterly) free

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**Sisters of Charity
Convent & Retreat Center
701 Park Place
P.O. Box 818
Boulder City, NV 89005**

(702) 293-4988

Visitor: The Rt. Rev. Wesley Frensdorff

The Community follows the Rule of St. Vincent de Paul: a whole-hearted commitment to Jesus Christ, whose life is perfect Charity. Through lives completely dedicated to expressing the love of God by doing His work, they are enabled to bring that love to the spiritually starved of all ages. The first concern is the living of the Religious Life. Mass, Daily Office, private prayer and spiritual reading form the hub of each day. Going forth, the Sisters express God's love in the Retreat House, in the local Nursing Home, and in S. Nevada jails and prisons.

For further information write: The Sister in Charge

**The Community of St. Francis
St. Francis House
3743 Army Street
San Francisco, CA 94110**

(415) 824-0288

Visitor: The Rt. Rev. Paul Moore, Bishop of New York

The Community is part of the First Order of the Society of St. Francis, the Brothers and Sisters of which desire to serve our Lord in the Church and the world, after the example of Francis the little, poor man of Assisi. From the family life of worship, sharing and concern for each other, the members are involved in all areas of need, particularly among the underprivileged, the poor and the sick. Sisters are available for taking Retreats and Quiet Days, for preaching and counseling.

Visitors are welcome, as are guests for short periods, for retreats or times of quiet.

For further information write: Sr. Cecilia, C.S.F. (Minister Provincial)

Publication: *The Canticle* (3 issues per year) suggested donation, \$5.00 for 2 years.

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*** Society of St. Francis
Little Portion Friary
P.O. Box 399
Mount Sinai, NY 11766**

(516) 473-0553

Visitor: The Rt. Rev. Paul Moore, Jr.

The friars of the First Order of the Society of St. Francis are committed to a radical Gospel life in the way of St. Francis. Their life in community, under the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, is centered in the eucharist and grounded in private and liturgical prayer. The friars desire to make Christ known and loved through evangelism, hospitality and a wide range of caring apostolates as they seek to minister the love of Christ to each other, the church and the world.

The Society of St. Francis comprises:

- 1st Order - - The friars (S.S.F.) and sisters (C.S.F., see separate listing in this booklet under Community of St. Francis.)
- 2nd Order - Enclosed nuns (P.C.R., see separate listing in this booklet under Poor Clares of Reparation.)
- 3rd Order - Tertiaries (T.S.F., secular Franciscans)

For further information write: The Minister Provincial

Publications: *The Little Chronicle*, published 3 times a year
The Franciscan, published 3 times a year in U.K. Annual
subscription \$5.50 (Surface Mail), \$8.00 (Air Mail).

BRANCH HOUSES:

San Damiano Friary
573 Dolores Street
San Francisco, CA 94110
(415) 861-1372

St. Anthony's Friary
c/o St. Stephen's Rectory
High Street
Princetown
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO
(809) 655-2480

The Society of St. Francis
General Theological Seminary
175 - 9th Avenue
New York, NY 10011
(212) 206-0964

St. Elizabeth's Friary*
1474 Bushwick Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11207
(718) 455-5963
*Address as of January, 1986

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Order of St. Helena
P.O. Box 426
Vails Gate, NY 12584

(914) 562-0592

Visitor: The Rt. Rev. Paul Moore, Jr., Bishop of New York

The Order of St. Helena, a Religious Community founded in 1945, is a modern interpretation of the Religious Life based on the traditional three-fold vow of Poverty, Chastity and Obedience which frees us to minister to the needs of the contemporary world.

The daily Eucharist and four Offices focus the center of our liturgy and of our lives. Complementing these times of worship in common, are the daily hours of personal prayer and study, and the fellowship and support of life in Community.

As a Community we are not restricted to any single area of service but witness and respond to the loving presence of Christ among us, concerned for all the people of God.

Missionary outreach, Christian Education, counseling, retreats, conferences, parish and campus work and the ministry of hospitality are some ways in which the central commitment of our lives is expressed in apostolic ministry.

For further information write: The Sister Superior, Convent of St. Helena

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Publications: Newsletter - *St. Helena* - no charge

BRANCH HOUSES:

Convent of St. Helena
134 E. 28th Street
New York, NY 10016
(212) 889-1124

Convent of St. Helena
P.O. Box 5645
Augusta, GA 30906
(404) 798-5201

Convent of St. Helena
1114 - 21st Avenue East
Seattle, WA 98112
(206) 325-2830

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*** The Order of the Holy Cross
Holy Cross Monastery
West Park, NY 12493**

(914) 384-6660

Visitor: The Right Reverend Paul Moore, Jr.

The Order of the Holy Cross is a Benedictine monastic community. The principles which govern the Order's life are found in two documents: The Rule, written by James Otis Sargent Huntington, the founder of the Order; and the Rule of St. Benedict.

The twin pillars of the Order's life are prayer and work. Each House of Holy Cross has four services of corporate prayer each day, plus the daily Eucharist. The members are also expected to spend time in private prayer and meditation.

The work of the Order is varied, as members are encouraged to find ways in which to use their own unique talents in the service of God. In general, the members engage in the ministry of hospitality in the Order's guest houses, in counseling and spiritual direction, in teaching, in parish work, and in evangelism.

Associated with the Order are groups of clergy and lay people who participate to varying degrees in the prayer and work of Holy Cross. Information about these groups can be had by writing any of the Houses.

**For further information write: The Superior, Absalom Jones Priory
455 West 148th St., New York, NY 10031**

Publications: *Holy Cross*, published three times a year

BRANCH HOUSES:

Mt. Calvary Retreat House
and Novitiate
P.O. Box 1296
Santa Barbara, CA 93102
(805) 962-9855

Absalom Jones Priory
455 West 148th St.
New York, NY 10031
(212) 926 1400

Philip Quaque Monastery & Novitiate
Cape Coast,
Ghana
Mail: P.O. Box 4683, Accra, Ghana

Holy Cross Priory
204 High Park Ave.
Toronto, Ontario M6P 2S6
Canada
(416) 767-9081

Holy Saviour Priory
P.O. Box 40
Pineville, SC 29468
(803) 351-4356

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Sisterhood of the Holy Nativity
Convent of the Holy Nativity
101 East Division Street
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

(414) 921-2560

Visitor: The Rt. Rev. William Louis Stevens, Bishop of Fond du Lac

The Rule of the Sisterhood of the Holy Nativity emphasizes, above all, the life of prayer and life in Community. External works are an overflow of this deepened interior life with God and one another, and are, broadly speaking, of a missionary character, the purpose being the evangelical one of winning souls to Christ. The Sisterhood maintains a retreat house and the Sisters go out for temporary missions, such as: retreats, quiet days, schools of prayer, preaching, teaching. The Community feels that it should be free to respond to any call to share Christ; it does not assume the operation of institutions or schools.

The Community offers a Rule of Life for clerical and lay ASSOCIATES, as well as one for COMPANIONS, young people from age 15 to 21.

For further information write: The Rev. Mother Superior, S.H.N.

BRANCH HOUSES:

St. Mary's Retreat House
505 East Los Olivos
Santa Barbara, CA 93105
(805) 682-4117

Community of the Holy Spirit
St. Hilda's House
621 West 113th Street
New York, NY 10025

(212) 666-9645

Visitor: The Rt. Rev. Horace W.B. Donagen, XII Bishop of New York

The Community was founded in New York City in 1950 by the Reverend Mother Ruth to be a living witness to the office and work of God the Holy Spirit in His Church.

The Community's rule of prayer includes daily Holy Communion and four Offices in addition to corporate meditation, scripture reading, intercession and spiritual reading. The Community maintains the Great Silence and has a semi-enclosed Novitiate of two and one-half years. Vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience are made first for three years and then renewed at Life Profession.

In conjunction with its life of prayer, the Community's major work is in education. The Community has built and maintains two schools: St. Hilda's and St. Hugh's School in New York City and the Melrose School in Brewster, New York. The Sisters also conduct retreats, quiet days and schools of prayer, as well as teach in parish Sunday Schools, and give counseling and spiritual direction.

St. Cuthbert's Retreat House, located on the Brewster property, provides group and individual retreats throughout the year.

The Community's several Associate groups encourage prayer support, learning and sharing between the Sisters and their lay and clergy Associates.

For further information write: The Rev. Mother General, C.H.S.

Publications: *The Occasional Paper*, in Whitsuntide

The Newsletter, quarterly to Associates of the Community

BRANCH HOUSES;

The Melrose School and Convent
RFD 5, Federal Hill Road
Brewster, NY 10509
(914) 279-2406

St. Cuthbert's Retreat House
Melrose
RFD 5, Federal Hill Road
Brewster, NY 10509
(914) 279-2406

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Community of St. John Baptist
Convent of St. John Baptist
P.O. Box 240
Mendham, NJ 07945

(201) 543-4641

Visitor: The Rt. Rev. John S. Spong, D.D., Bishop of Newark

Conservative — openminded; active — contemplative; 100 years old — youthful.

Applicants usually 21 to 40; without financial responsibilities; at least high school education; of sound health and good character.

Postulancy six months; novitiate about three years; junior professed in First Vows annually renewed three times; Final Profession in Life Vows.

Houses: St. Marguerite's Retreat House, Mendham.

The Sisters conduct Vacation Bible Schools, retreats and Quiet Days; give talks on the Religious Life; spiritual direction; prepare people for the Sacraments; teach in the local Sunday Schools; belong to the diocesan Commissions on Christian Education; the Altar Guild and convocation; serve on the board of Heath Village (retirement home); do parish work in the inner city.

For further information write: The Reverend Mother Superior

Publications: No regular publications, Centennial History \$10.00 per copy, p.p. Newsletters to Associates.

BRANCH HOUSES:

St. Marguerite's Retreat House
Mendham, NJ 07945
(201) 543-4582

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Sisterhood of St. John the Divine (416) 226-2201
St. John's Convent
1 Botham Road
Willowdale, Ont. M2N 2J5 Canada

Visitor: The Most Rev. L.S. Garnsworthy, Archbishop of Toronto

The Sisterhood of St. John the Divine was founded in 1884 in Toronto, Ontario by a Canadian woman, Hannah Grier Coome, and remains the only indigenous Canadian religious order for women. The vocation of the Community is a response to God in prayer, community and service. The vows of poverty, chastity and obedience are taken as a life commitment at Final Profession. The formation process consists of a six-month postulancy, followed by three years in the novitiate and at least three years in first vows. Most of the formation time is spent at the Mother House, although each novice and each Sister in First Profession spends ten months or a year at one of the Branch Houses.

From the Mother House at St. John's Convent in Willowdale, Ontario, the Sisters undertake missions, retreats, conferences, and workshops, along with a ministry of hospitality in a 24-bed guest wing. The Branch Houses include St. John's Hospital, a 210-bed rehabilitation hospital in Willowdale, where the Sisters do administrative and pastoral work; Cana Place, a 46-bed residential
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home for senior women and men in Scarborough, Ontario; and St. John's Priory, in Edmonton, Alberta, a centre for retreats, parish and diocesan involvements (including ordained pastoral ministry), inner-city mission work, and white church embroidery.

The Community also has Associates, both lay and ordained men and women, throughout Canada as well as in the United States and overseas.

For further information write: The Reverend Mother Superior, S.S.J.D.

Publications: *The Eagle* (three times a year), \$3.00 annually

BRANCH HOUSES:

St. John's Rehabilitation Hospital	Cana Place
285 Cummer Avenue	3333 Finch Avenue East
Willowdale, Ont. M2M 2G1	Scarborough, Ont. M1W 2R9
Canada	Canada
St. John's Priory	
11717 - 93rd Street	
Edmonton, Alberta T5G 1E2	Canada

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*** Society of St. John the Evangelist**
980 Memorial Drive
Cambridge, MA 02138

(617) 876-3037

Visitor: The Rt. Rev. John Coburn

The Society of St. John the Evangelist is a community of male priests and lay brothers who live out the society's dedication to the Incarnation by life in community and through the work of the Society. Community members live in one of the houses of the Society and share in a four-fold Divine Office, the daily Eucharist, and the administrative and domestic chores of the houses. In addition to the monastery in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and St. John's mission house in Durham, North Carolina, the Society operates Camp Saint Augustine (for boys aged six to twelve) in Foxboro, Massachusetts and Emery Farm, a retreat house in West Newbury, Massachusetts.

The Society's work now includes leading group and private retreats and giving spiritual direction, especially for seminary students. The Society's history of publishing liturgical books has developed into Cowley Publications, which prints books about problems and issues of the Christian for literate people who want concise, informative works interpreting the gospel and philosophical literature. Members are encouraged to respond individually to the call of the gospel by participating in local programs run by churches or other groups for visiting

in the hospitals, helping to feed and shelter the homeless, or to tutor those without adequate resources.

For further information write: The Superior

Publications: *Cowley* newsletter, available quarterly

Requested offering \$10.00 a year

BRANCH HOUSES:

St. John's Mission House
702 W. Cobb
Durham, NC 27707

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Society of St. Margaret
17 Louisburg Square
Boston, MA 02108

(617) 523-1008
Summer (617) 934-5696

Visitor: The Rt. Rev. Anson Phelps Stokes, Jr.

"Do you promise to devote every faculty of soul and body to God's service forever?" is asked each Sister of St. Margaret at her Life Profession. God calls us from very different backgrounds and bids us together in love. Our common dedication to Jesus under perpetual vows of poverty, chastity and obedience unite us in Him.

The Holy Eucharist and Divine Office are the center of our spiritual life. Each Sister also has at least an hour and a half daily for private prayer. Silence and prayer enable us to go forth in the strength of the Spirit to our various works — within the convent, in parishes, nursing homes, schools, guest houses, house of prayer and camp for children.

Our habit is a reminder of our commitment to living out our baptismal vows in this particular way. We are continually striving to learn—to touch the Crucified One in His poor, His wounded, His rejected ones. This claims our entire being.

For further information write: The Rev. Mother Superior

Publications: *St. Margaret's Quarterly*, \$3.00 per year

BRANCH HOUSES:

St. Monica's Home
17 Highland Park St.
Roxbury, MA 02119

St. Margaret's House
Jordan Road
New Hartford, NY 13413

Neale House
50 Fulton Street
New York, NY 10038

St. Margaret's Convent
P.O. Box 857
Port-au-Prince, Haiti

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St. Margaret's House
5419 Germantown Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19144

St. Agnes House
635 Maxwellton Court
Lexington, KY 40508

Pilgrim House
1 Weredale Park
Montreal, Quebec H3Z1Y6
Canada

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Community of St. Mary, Eastern Province (914) 737-0113
St. Mary's Convent
John Street
Peekskill, NY 10566

Visitor: The Rt. Rev. Robert C. Witcher, Bishop of Long Island

The Sisters of St. Mary in Peekskill are called by God to conversion of life through the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience lived out in the fellowship of this monastic family. We are called to give ourselves to Christ in prayer, service, spiritual reading and study. With our life centered in Christ, we give first place to the daily Eucharist and Divine Office. The corporate worship of the Community is continued as each sister strives to pray without ceasing. Our goal is to bring our whole life under the dominion of Christ, and in union with him to intercede for the Church and the world.

We serve God in our sisters and in those whom God sends us. Our work at present is primarily with guests and retreatants in our own houses, but we also go out as requested to lead quiet days, teach Sunday School classes and visit people in nursing homes. From its founding by our first sisters we have been deeply involved with the patients and staff of St. Mary's Hospital for Children. We wear a distinctive habit as a sign of our monastic dedication.

The Eastern Province novitiate is located at St. Mary's Convent, Peekskill.

Men and women living in the world may become Associates of the Community.

For further information write: The Mother Superior C.S.M.

Publication: *St. Mary's Messenger*, 5 times a year

Subscription: \$4.00 per year

BRANCH HOUSES:

Altar Bread Department
St. Mary's Convent
John Street
Peekskill, NY 10566
(914) 739-1289

St. Mary's Hospital for Children
29-01 - 216th Street
Bayside, NY 11360
(718) 990-8800

St. Benedict's Retreat House
St. Mary's Convent
John Street
Peekskill, NY 10566
and
St. Gabriel's Retreat House
St. Mary's Convent
John Street
Peekskill, NY 10566
(914) 737-0113

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The Community of St. Mary, Southern Branch (615) 598-5342
St. Mary's Convent and Retreat Center
Sewanee, TN 37375

Visitor: The Office of Visitor is vacant

The Sisters of St. Mary in Sewanee are trying to live the contemplative life in a contemporary setting, alternating between intense activity and times of complete solitude.

Retreats are provided for groups and individuals throughout the year.

The convent is located just three miles from the University of the South and St. Luke's Seminary. Many students come to share our corporate worship and Community life.

Novices for the Southern Branch are trained in Sewanee.

For further information write: The Sister Superior, C.S.M. (Southern Branch)

Publications: Newsletter (quarterly), \$1.00 per year

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Community of St. Mary, Western Province (414) 289-0918
Sisters of St. Mary
c/o Sister Virginia Smith
1840 N. Prospect Avenue No. 1014
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Visitor: The Rt. Rev. Charles T. Gaskell

The Western Province of the Community of St. Mary was set apart as a separate branch of the community in 1904. We follow the C.S.M. Rule but have separate administration. Our basic orientation is toward a life of prayer, corporate and personal, reaching out to the Church and the world according to the
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leading of the Holy Spirit. We live in small groups, trying to develop a strong sense of community. Our aim is to show an interest in a simple style of life shared with our guests, a regard for the natural world around us, a concern for justice and peace for all people, and a desire to grow through study and reflection.

For further information write: Any of the listed houses.

Publications: *St. Mary's Messenger*, in conjunction with the Eastern Province.

BRANCH HOUSES:

De Koven Foundation for
Church Work
600 - 21st Street
Racine, WI 53403
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*** The Society of Saint Paul**
St. Paul the Apostle Monastery
44-660 San Pablo Avenue
Palm Desert, CA 92260-3586

(619) 568-2200

Visitor: The Rt. Rev. C. Brinkley Morton, J.D., D.D.

The Society of St. Paul was founded in 1958. The monks of St. Paul the Apostle Monastery are priests and brothers of the Episcopal Church living under a modern rule which calls us to a life of prayer, personal growth in Christ and service in community. Our spirituality is centered around private prayer, the Offices and the daily Eucharist. Our labor in the Lord rises from our prayer and includes studies, the daily chores of common life, preaching, giving retreats, counselling and spiritual direction. Common time together building community is a very important part of our monastic vocation. The monastery offers accommodations for individuals and groups who come for retreats, conferences or spiritual direction. Our life of consecration is expressed through the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience.

Through the "Fellowship of St. Paul" a special rule of life is offered for associates, friends, companions, and oblates, who are an important part of the extended community of the Society of St. Paul.

For further information write: Father Andrew, S.S.P., Prior

Publications: *St. Paul's Printer* (quarterly) voluntary contributions

The Order of Poor Clares of Reparation
St. Clare's Convent
P.O. Box 342
Mount Sinai, NY 11766

(516) 473-0659

Visitor: The Rt. Rev. Jonathan G. Sherman

The Order of Poor Clares of Reparation is a semi-cloistered contemplative community of sisters devoted to the life and work of prayer. It was founded in 1922 under the spiritual direction of the Order of St. Francis; and is now the Second Order of the Society of St. Francis, American Province.

Although organized for a life of prayer, the Order accommodates itself to literary work and handicrafts. The Sisters handle the publication of *St. Clare's Monstrance*, a quarterly paper, as well as the management of the Grace Dieu Press, through which devotional cards and other religious articles may be purchased.

For entrance requirements, or for information about St. Clare's Fellowship of Prayer (for associates), write to: The Reverend Mother, St. Clare's Convent, P.O. Box 342, Mount Sinai, NY 11766.

Publications: *St. Clare's Monstrance* (quarterly), donation

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Community of the Sisters of the Church
St. Michael's Convent
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(416) 844-9511

Visitor: The Rt. Rev. John C. Bothwell, B.A., B.D., D.D., Bishop of Niagara

The Community of the Sisters of the Church was founded in England in 1870. Both its name and motto "Pro Ecclesia Dei" express the purpose for which it was called into existence; the extension of Christ's kingdom on earth.

The Community came to Canada in 1890. It has houses in Australia and the Solomon Islands as well as in England. Historically the Community has always had work with children and in education. In Canada, St. Mildred's-Lightbourn School is owned by them and takes girls from Kindergarten through to Grade XIII.

The outreach programme of the Canadian Province includes retreat work, a parish and counselling ministry and some work with the disadvantaged. The Convent provides a place for retreats, individual and group, and for small parish meetings and conferences. It is also the base for the Community's altar bread industry.

For further information write: The Sister Provincial, C.S.D.

Publications: C.S.C Newsletter; 3 times a year; \$5.00

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BRANCH HOUSES:

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The Order of the Teachers of the Children of God (602) 747-5280
5870 E. 14th Street
Tucson, AZ 85711

Visitor: The Rt. Rev. Joseph M. Harte

The Order of Teachers of the Children of God was founded in Providence, Rhode Island, December 1, 1935, by Abbie Loveland Tuller, Ph.D.

The Order is designed for women who desire to live the religious life, combined with the work of teaching. The rule is modern, but is based on ancient sources. The Monastic Diurnal is used for the daily offices. Upon making their professions, the sisters take the three monastic vows of poverty, obedience, and chastity. The plan of life of the Order is characterized by devotion to our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, by daily Mass, and the seven Hours of the Divine Office.

The work of the Order is the conducting of its own private schools. At the present time, the Order conducts two boarding and day schools and one day school.

For further information write: The Rev. Mother Virginia, T.C.G.
5870 E. 14th St., Tucson, AZ 85711 or
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(516) 725-1121

BRANCH HOUSES:

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Tuller Road
Fairfield, CT 06430
(203) 374-3636

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Community of the Transfiguration (513) 771-5291
495 Albion Ave.
Cincinnati, OH 45246

Visitor: The Rt. Rev. William Weinbauer, Bishop of Western North Carolina

The Community of the Transfiguration was founded in 1898 by Eva Lee Matthews, known in religion as Mother Eva Mary. The dedication to the mystery of the Transfiguration connotes a life of prayer and contemplation in balance with a life of service. The Eucharist is the central point of this balance. Other times of prayer include the Daily Office, Morning and Evening Prayer from the Book of Common Prayer; corporate prayer and intercession; and personal prayer and meditation. The call to serve Christ in others is answered in a variety of ministries both at the Motherhouse and elsewhere. Bethany School, on the Convent grounds, is a day school for preschool through eighth grade. St. Mary's Home, also on the Convent grounds, cares for twenty elderly residents. The Transfiguration retreat ministry provides periodic retreats for groups as well as private retreats for individuals. St. Monica's Center, a recreation and social service ministry, serves the nearby community of Lincoln Heights. At all the branch ministries, as at the Motherhouse, Sisters are available to give retreats, quiet days, prayer schools, and workshops in parishes.

In the training of Novices, Religious life in Community is stressed, rather than preparation for a particular work. However, experience in a Branch Ministry may be included during the Novitiate and Juniorate. Novices share in the daily life and work of the Community. The Community's motto: Benignitas, Simplicatas, Hilaritas, expresses the spirit we wish to reflect in our lives.

For further information write: The Rev. Mother, Convent of the Transfiguration

Publications: *Transfiguration Quarterly* (quarterly) \$3.00 per year

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The Community of the Way of the Cross
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Buffalo, NY 14219

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Visitor: The Rt. Rev. Harold B. Robinson, STD, Bishop of Western New York

The Community accepts persons, including physically handicapped, ages eighteen to fifty, who desire to make total commitment in devotion to God and to service through this Community.

It provides three life styles under one Rule and lives under one roof, in green habit. It is a Community of persons who will to live realistically on social frontiers of the world as it is and, at the same time, to live in the reality of the world as it ought to be.

Jesus withdrew from the world intermittently and interceded . . . "As thou has sent me into the world, even so have I sent them into the world . . ."

Ministry: intercessory prayer; personal counseling; Church Schools — directing, teaching, and training; Conducting Missions; promoting Retreats and Quiet Days; providing hospitality; external works — teaching, nursing, counseling, serving in Government and secular organizations concerned with minorities and human relations.

"An Episcopal Sisterhood with ancient Spirituality . . . and Modern Mentality."

For further information write: above address

The Tenth Lambeth Conference of Bishops of the Anglican Communion meeting in 1968 passed the following resolution:

Religious Communities

The Conference recognizes with gratitude the contribution of the Religious Communities, both of men and of women, to the life of the Church, and values their witness to the absolute character of the claims of God on the life of man, to the fruitfulness of a life given to prayer and service, and to the unity of the Church across the divisions which at present exist. It calls upon the Communities to take their part in the present renewal of the Church, in particular by seeking to renew themselves according to the priorities of the gospel and the original intention of their foundation. It recommends that, in all provinces where Communities exist, close co-operation between the bishops and the Communities should be maintained and developed.